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FAREWELL, GOOD LUCK!



— By MIKE RENWICK —

Farewell, good luck — and let's show them, boys!



RALE RASIC

Let's show them, at the World Cup of all places, that those dreams of yesterday have come true and soccer, at long last, is just as Australian a sport as Aussie Rules or two-up.

The team that leaves for Europe on Monday carries much more than the good wishes of thousands of fans: it will also have, in its kitbags, the genuine affection of millions of Australians who will follow their fortunes.

The preparations didn't quite go the way they should have but that's now history. The dress rehearsal, the additional final 90 minutes against Uruguay, must have forged the team into steel-like hardness and must have provided the players with just the boost their confidence needed.

Australia goes into the World Cup unseeded and unfancied, even ridiculed by some European sophisticates.

Our chances of winning the Cup are practically nil;

of reaching the second round remote.

And yet, anybody who saw the Socceroos in Sydney against Uruguay must be weary of betting heavily against them.

The occasion, the challenge and the outsider status could well trouble the determination and strength of our players and produce some surprise results.

Let's face it: in this peculiar, fascinating game of ours, no match is ever a foregone conclusion.

Red-hot favorites have been slaughtered; unbeatable sides have been defeated.

This is a time to be an optimist: let's believe — players and fans and all — that Australia can and will hold its own against East Germany and Chile.

Let's also believe that the mighty West Germans won't have it all their way, either.

Rale Rasic has proved over the years that he and his team can, somehow, scale some dizzy heights and conquer seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

The victories against Greece in Athens and Israel in Tel Aviv came into these categories; so did the dramatic three-match series against South Korea and the recent duel with Uruguay.

We are not expecting a miracle and will not be heart-broken if the Socceroos "return" home without even one victory. Defeat is a constant possibility in sport.

But we do expect them to fight every inch of the

way against their fancied opponents and represent the growing camp of Australian soccer with dignity and sportsmanship.

This, undoubtedly, will be Australia's most hazardous, most publicised and most glamorous venture in any code of football.

The future of the game may well depend on our displays in the World Cup and on the enthusiasm the team can create in all States of Australia.

This is, really, what the World Cup is all about for us: a historic milestone and the start of a new era for soccer in this country.

Let's hope the Socceroos will never lose sight of the significance of their mission and the part they can play in the building of our future.

So it's farewell and good luck — and let the world begin to respect Australia in yet another sport.



RAY RICHARDS



JIM MACKAY



COL CURRAN

Super - Scots next Sunday

There will be no Sydney First Division matches next weekend.

On Sunday, May 25, top Scottish team Aberdeen will play NSW — minus the Socceroos — at Sydney Sportsground.

If Dundee two years ago was a pointer, fans will be in for a treat as Scottish teams have seldom failed to please in Australia.

Aberdeen have been First Division Scottish champions only once — in 1965 — but have been runners-up for the title on five occasions.

They won the Scottish Cup twice, were runners-up once and have played in both the UEFA Cup and the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

Over the past three years they have sold three players for over \$150,000 each — Joe Harper to Everton, Martin Buchan to Manchester United and

Jimmy Smith, whose brother will be here with the team, to Newcastle.

And last year they sold their captain Steve Murray to Celtic for a big five-figure fee.

Known as the "Dons" (the river Don flanks one side of the city and the river Dee the other side), Aberdeen's manager is Jimmy Bonithorne, the former East Fife player, and they play in scarlet shirts, scarlet shorts with a double white stripe.

Former Aberdeen players who have played in Australia are George Kinnell, Alistair Sanderson (ex-Juventus - Melbourne) and Billy McIntyre (ex-Croatia).

● Aberdeen (Pirie 2, Davidson 2, own goal) beat Western Australia 3 (Holt, O'Callaghan, Davidson) in their opening tour match in Perth last Sunday.

Australia's World Cup party consists of the following members:

- Jack Reilly (Hakoah-Melbourne): goalkeeper, 29, 10 caps.
- Allan Maher (Sutherland): goalkeeper, 23.
- Jimmy Milisavljevic (JUST): goalkeeper, 23.
- Doug Utjesenovic (St. George): right back, 27, 18 caps.
- Col Curran (Western Suburbs): left back, 26, 11 caps.
- Harry Williams (St. George): left back, 23.
- Peter Wilson (Safeway United): centre back, 26, 29 caps.
- Manfred Schaefer (St. George): centre back, 31, 44 caps.
- Ivo Rudic (Pan Hellenic): centre back, 31.
- John Watkiss (Hakoah-Sydney): centre back, 33, 23 caps.
- Ray Richards (Marconi): midfielder, 28, 27 caps.
- Jim Mackay (Hakoah-Sydney): midfielder, 30, 26 caps.
- Jim Rooney (APIA-Leichhardt): midfielder, 27, 17 caps.
- Dave Harding (Pan Hellenic): midfielder, 27.
- John Warren (St. George-Budapest): midfielder, 31, 42 caps.
- Attila Abonyi (St. George-Budapest): striker, 27, 38 caps.
- Peter Ollerton (APIA-Leichhardt): striker, 23, 2 caps.
- Gary Manuel (Pan Hellenic): striker, 25, 3 caps.
- Branko Buljevic (JUST): striker, 26, 17 caps.
- Ernie Campbell (Marconi): striker, 25, 8 caps.
- Max Tolson (Safeway United): striker, 28, 16 caps.
- Adrian Alston (Safeway United): striker, 25, 31 caps.

- Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic: Chief Coach.
- Les Scheinflug: Assistant Coach.
- Tom Grimsdon: Australian Federation representative. Tour leader.
- John Barclay: Team Manager.
- Dr. Brian Corrigan: Medical Officer.
- Peter Van Ryn: Physiotherapist.
- Eric Worthington: Liaison officer.
- Tom Patrick: Travel Consultant.

Dates and venues of the Socceroos' World Cup lead-up matches:

- May 21: v. Indonesia in Jakarta.
- May 28: v. Israel in Tel Aviv.
- May 30: v. Israel Under-23 in Haifa.
- June 4: v. St. Gallen in Switzerland.
- June 6: v. Young Boys Berne in Switzerland.
- June 8: v. Xamax Neuchatel in Switzerland.

Indonesia keen to beat the Socceroos

— By IDRIS ANWARTO —

JAKARTA — Indonesia's 3-2 victory against Uruguay a few days before the South Americans travelled south to Australia should ensure a near-capacity crowd at the Senayan Stadium for Tuesday's international between Indonesia and Australia.

Officials expect the match to attract at least 70,000 spectators, in contrast to the meagre 11,000 attendance when the teams last met here in October 1972.

The Indonesians are keen to do well against Asia's representative in the World Cup.

While admitting that Australia was the best team in the region last year, and deserved to qualify for the finals, they want to show their fans they are much better than their 6-0 defeat in Sydney last March shows.

A depleted Indonesia took the field that day, which won't be the case next week when only Iswadi, now playing for Western Suburbs in Sydney, will be missing.

Coach Endang Witasari is confident his team will come very close to beating the Aussies, whose recent successful application to join the Asian Football Confederation was welcomed by

Indonesians who have forged close soccer links with Australia in recent years.

Goalkeeper Yudo Hadianto, who is playing so well that he is keeping the brilliant Ronny Pasla out of the national team, midfielder Rahman Halim, Sarman Panggabean, Pattinansary and especially strikers Abdul Kadir and Andias Asmara, have been in top form this year.

They are the players on whom Indonesia will rely next Tuesday to pull off a victory against the tough Australians.

The Indonesian Press has been speculating whether Australian coach Rale Rasic will field his strongest team against Indonesia.

I hope he does. Not only would it be a very useful pre-World Cup exercise for his players, but it would give Indonesians an accurate picture of where they stand in the Asian soccer hierarchy today.

Follow the Socceroos' World Cup progress with Soccer World's team of on-the-spot reporters: Lincoln Walters on Tour; Lou Gautier, Mike Renwick, Frank Jordan in Germany.

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Club patrol

The next ROTHMAN'S CUP round will be played on the weekend of June 15-16, when the four winners of group A will be decided. These then go into the next draw with the NSW Second and Third Division clubs, plus four top teams from the Northern NSW Federation.

Four BRISBANE junior representative sides have been playing in Sydney. Their under-12, 14 and 15 year teams have been the guests of Bankstown Association, whilst Granville have looked after the under-13 team.

Nowra put on a fantastically well arranged show for the visit of the NEW ZEALAND UNDER-16 team last week. A crowd of 1,750 attended the match. Minister for the ACT, Kip Enderby, kicked off for the Kiwis' match at Canberra. Results to date are v. Sydney 0-0, v. Southern NSW 2-0, v. ACT 5-0. Victoria has done an excellent organising job for the NZ boys, with TV interviews and spot ads. NZ's juniors spent \$9,000 on assembling and coaching their team, and results against NSW and Victoria will justify their good work.

Auburn defender TOM HUGHES was out of the line-up against Canterbury last Sunday due to a broken rib.

As a MOTHERS' DAY gesture, ladies attending the Auburn match at Mona Park last Sunday received a bottle of perfume with the club's compliments.

VINCE JACK, playing for Holroyd Rangers broke his ankle two weeks ago, and will be out for about six weeks.

The POLONIA v. CORINTHIANS game will be played this Saturday at Inman Park.

SAM BELLAS, who came in as a replacement for Newtown, broke his collar bone in an incident soon after he took the field.

PAUL SMITH, the Sutherland midfielder, will turn 21 on Monday, May 20. Our congratulations.

The NSW FEDERATION OF SOCCER COACHES will be conducting courses for preliminary and senior certificates in Sydney from October to December. Telephone Dr. Gordon Waterlow on 624-3497 to make initial application.

As well as holding his position as coach of the Second Division Newtown club, BILL VROLYK, with typical enthusiasm, is on hand to help the management of the new Inter-Suburban Kingsford club.

Canterbury president ANDREW VASS is at present in England, seeking a couple of suitable reinforcements for the club side. Club officials say they have no option but to look to Britain or the local player market.

PETER PUZZES was on the sideline last week, with a heavy dose of flu. It was the first match he had missed due to illness since 1964, and he saw no joy in sitting it out.

SAFEWAY UNITED'S excellent home crowd of 6,149 was obtained against Pan Hellenic last week in spite of a full round of district competition played on the day. A reasonably opposition-free day on that basis could have brought a 7,500-8,000 attendance.

SOCCER POOLS will not operate in Victoria on State League games this season. But pools may be operating in Victoria for the English soccer season which starts in August.

Hakoah Melbourne say they have had a direct enquiry from St. George-Budapest about under-23 international MICK MICEVSKI.

APIA is believed to have paid \$2,000 to Alexander for Scottish goalkeeper JOHN KENNEDY, who made his debut, impressively, against Hakoah last Sunday. Kennedy started his Australian career with Wilhelmina five years ago.

Saints' young goalkeeper JOHN DYSON is out for the rest of the season with cartilage damage.

Former Hakoah and Marconi winger KIT JONES is the new player-coach of Second Division Riverside-Rapid. Jones is aged 36.

Happy birthday wishes are in order for two SOCCER-ROOS this week. Ray Richards will be 28 on May 18 and John Warren 31 on May 17.

St. George-Budapest earned a net PROFIT OF \$37,703 last year. The \$70,467 paid to promote soccer was one of the biggest costs to the club. Soccer expenditure was \$89,072, with income from gate money and donations amounting to \$17,872 only. Biggest expense was the \$46,138 for the players' premiums and fees. Coaching wages and expenses amounted to \$16,157.

The BEEF AND BURGUNDY Club Meeting will be held at the Castellorizan Club, Kingsford, today (Friday, May 17). Tony Boskovic and Andy Burton will be farewelled on the eve of their departure for the World Cup.

World Cup contest

1. Result of Australia v. East Germany* (10 points)
2. Result of Australia v. West Germany* (10 points)
3. Result of Australia v. Chile* (10 points)
4. Result of Yugoslavia v. Scotland** (10 points)
5. Result of Italy v. Argentina *** (10 points)
6. Name the leading goalscorer of the World Cup (3 points)
7. How many matches will referee A. Boskovic appear in **** (5 points)
8. Number of players sent off in the finals (7 points)
9. Loser of the play-off for third place (5 points)
10. Winner of the play-off for third place (5 points)
11. Runner-up in the World Cup (beaten finalist) (5 points)
12. Winner of the World Cup (5 points)

* Give full score, Australia first (i.e. 0-2).
** Give full score, Yugoslavia first.
*** Give full score, Italy first.
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CHAMPIONSHIP 1974

Last league round for the Soccerroos

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

This weekend's matches, in which the Soccerroos will take part on the eve of their departure, is the last full First Division championship round for at least six weeks.

St. George, Safeway and Pan Hellenic will play no matches while their players are away on World Cup duty.

The split rounds could even last longer if Australia qualifies for the second round in Germany. In that happy event the national team won't be back until after the World Cup final.

The match between competition leaders Safeway (13 points) and their immediate pursuers, Wests (12 points) tops the bill this weekend.

The outlooks as I see them:

Wests v. Safeway

Although this is without a doubt the match of the round, Drummoyne Oval will be lucky to see 800 spectators on Saturday.

Wests' appeal as a draw-card remains pathetic: a disgrace to so splendidly performed, coached and managed a club which has every right to expect that at least half of its members turn up at matches.

Both teams have been going great guns this season and the outcome is difficult to predict.

I discount theories that with only 48 hours to go before the Soccerroos fly out to Jakarta, United's World Cup stars — the cornerstone of the team — may be less

totally committed than Wests, who only have Col Curran on national team duty.

Knowing Peter Wilson, he will be trying his damnest to lead his men to another win to consolidate their position at the top of the ladder before their six-week lay-off.

I tip: A draw.

Canterbury v. Yugal-Prague

It is now clear that Canterbury will have to fight agonisingly for their First Division lives until the end of the season.

Their current crop of players is willing enough, but the talent is spread too thinly in the team.

Yugal-Prague, slowly, unspectacularly, but surely, are

keeping their heads well above water and are not too far behind the leaders.

Young Aussies Rootsey, Perry and McDonald have blended well with Joe Alagich, whose services will be lost after this weekend, and the experienced Yugoslav players who are still lending a touch of above average class to the side.

Seldom an easy proposition at Arlington Oval, Canterbury will have their work cut out to keep a point at home on Saturday.

APIA v. Pan Hellenic

APIA, who have played less matches than any one else, can kiss their championship hopes goodbye if their old rivals beat them at Lambert Park.

With only the sixth best attack and the fifth worst defence, APIA are quickly losing credibility as championship material.

Their defeat against Hakoah, more convincing than the score indicates, showed conclusively the major contribution George Blues makes to the side. Blues, the man who sends most of the crosses over for Rogers and Ollerton, had a quiet match, which resulted in the big men receiving few high balls in the goal area.

Pan Hellenic, also beaten last week, are still keeping up with the pace-setters and will give APIA a good run for their money.

However, less endowed with class players, they could be submitted to some tremendous pressure. Such is the lot of most visiting teams at Leichhardt where the vociferous Lambert Park roan can lift APIA to sublime heights.

APIA to win.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

D. HARDING (Pan Hellenic)	8
S. KERI (Canterbury)	7
J. FLETCHER (Hakoah)	6
D. KEDDIE (Auburn)	6
P. OLLERTON (APIA)	5
J. ALAGICH (Yugal-Prague)	5
J. HERRON (St. George)	5
M. TOLSON (Safeway)	5

CROWDS

Last week's attendance: 16,872 (15,431).

Average per match: 2,812 (2,572).

Attendance after 8 rounds: 100,866 (94,843).

Average weekly attendance: 12,608 (11,855).

● In brackets, last year's corresponding figures.

ROUND 9

Hakoah v. Marconi

Hakoah have served notice they are still the team to beat in the championship.

They will not relinquish their title without a fight. On their brilliant display against APIA they are entitled to feel confident against Marconi despite their mediocre record at home against the Fairfield side.

Joe Fletcher and Willie Rutherford in attack; Agnor Muniz and Jim Mackay in the midfield; and the old firm of Allan Maroch and John Watkis in defence are responsible for Hakoah's transformation for the better after weeks of depressing mediocrity.

How the team will fare without Watkis, who has never played better, and Mackay is another matter, which must worry David MacLaren.

Marconi's incredibly inept forward(?) line continues to be this once competent and confident team's Achilles' heel.

They can only fail with an attack which can only score six goals in nine matches.

I will be very surprised not to see the rejuvenated Hakoah win at Wentworth Park.

Auburn Sutherland v.

Sutherland, who will be without Alan Maher for the next month and a half, just cannot afford to throw away the chance of collecting the two points at home on Sunday.

They are a big chance to record their second win of the season despite Auburn's fair recent form.

Their fondness for Seymour Shaw Park needs no further elaboration. They are a much more confident side at home where they are not afraid to open up in attack.

Against Auburn, however, they cannot afford to leave their rear exposed as David Keddie has again "goal" written all over him like in his best Hakoah days.

Keddie is very much a one-man forward line and Colin Bennett will have to be on his best behavior to keep him in check.

I tip: A draw.

Croatia v. St. George

I think there's no danger of Saints humiliating Croatia like they have done so often in the past this weekend.

St. George have really fallen on hard times, what with injuries to key players, heavy World Cup commitments and, more important, an overall loss of form and an apparent lack of coherent tactics.

It will be interesting to see whether Tibor Zuckerman, deputising for Mike Johnson, now in England, can stop the rot.

Croatia are still in deep trouble. Relegation is a distinct possibility — an amazing predicament for a team whose playing staff is not all that weaker than many of the teams well above them on the ladder.

Croatia, however, lack a style and purpose, and more often than not they play like a collection of individuals, each going his own way, instead of sticking to a set pattern and pulling together. Saints will really have hit rock-bottom if they don't win at Marks Field.

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TEAM OF THE WEEK

KENNEDY (APIA)
BRANSON (Sutherland)
WILSON (Safeway)
GLESON (Safeway)
CURRAN (Wests)
BURNS (Marconi)
FLETCHER (Hakoah)
MUNIZ (Hakoah)
WARREN (St. George)
TAKAC (Yugal-Prague)
RUTHERFORD (Hakoah)

VICTORIA v. BRISTOL

State League soccer takes a back-seat and a rest this weekend when Victoria plays host to England's Bristol Rovers.

The game will be played at Olympic Park and kicks-off at 3 p.m. on Sunday, preceded by the very attractive curtain-raiser featuring Victoria's highly successful under-16 side against New Zealand's under-16 national team.

The Victorian line-up is likely to come from Jack Reilly (Hakoah), Jimmy Milisavljevic (JUST), Mike Pye (Wilhelmina), Vince Bannan (Alexander), Norm Mainland (George Cross), Steve Walker (SM-Hellas), Ian Marshall (SM-Hellas), Peter Bourne (SM-Hellas), John Gardiner (George Cross), Frank McArdle (George Cross), Jim Armstrong (SM-Hellas), Bobby Kent (Slavia), Steve Bleskany (Melbourne), Mick Micevski (Hakoah), Joe Palinkas (Melbourne), Gary Cole (Wilhelmina), Ulysses Kokkinos (Alexander), Frank Micic (JUST), Pat Bannan (Alexander), Luther Kastner (George Cross), Branko Buljevic (JUST).

— JIM COOK

TIPSTERS' CORNER

CHAMPIONSHIP

MATCHES

	L. Gautier	M. Renwick	M. Gilmour	C. Spiteri	F. Jordan	Most favored
Wests v. Safeway	x	x	2	2	x	x
Canterbury v. Yugal-Pr.	2	2	2	2	2	2
Croatia v. St. George	2	2	2	2	2	2
Sutherland v. Auburn	x	x	1	1	2	2
Hakoah v. Marconi	1	1	1	1	1	1
APIA v. Pan Hellenic	1	1	x	1	1	1
Marrickville v. Guildford	x	x	2	2	2	2
Corinthians v. Polonia	2	2	2	2	x	2
Melita v. Newtown	1	1	1	1	1	1
Granville v. Rapid	1	1	1	1	1	1
Balgownie v. Manly	1	1	1	2	1	1
Bankstown v. NS-Inter	1	1	1	1	1	1

How they tipped: L. Gautier 42; K. Gilmour 39; M. Renwick 39; C. Spiteri 36; F. Jordan 32.

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RESULTS & SCORERS

St. George

0 (0)

Wests

1 (0)

Trebilcock 65 min.

Yugal-Prague

3 (1)

Mihajlovic 44 and 75 (penalty) mins., J. Alagich 89 min.

Croatia

1 (0)

D. Smith 85 min.

Marconi

0 (0)

Sutherland

0 (0)

Safeway

1 (1)

McGroddy 4 min.

P. Hellenic

0 (0)

Auburn

2 (0)

Keddie 55 min., Stewart 80 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

Hakoah

2 (2)

Fletcher 22 min., Muniz 42 min.

A.P.I.A.

1 (0)

Rogers 74 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Fraser 4, Utjesenovic 3, Williams 4, Grosse 4, Cotton 3, Morgan 4, Herron 3, Abonyi 3, Warren 4, Hamilton 3, B. Harris 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: M. Johnson.

Match rating: * * *

Eaton 4, Perry 3, Turnbull 3, Radcliffe 4, Curran 4, Gray 4, Trebilcock 4, Iswadi 3, Lindsay 3, Bendall 3, Ainslie 4.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: L. Scheinfug.

Petrovski 4, Trkulja 1 4, Trkulja II 3, Velkovski 3, Rootsey 4, McDonald 3, J. Alagich 4, Mihajlovic 3, Kuzmanov 3 (Boskovski 67 min.), Takac 4, Perry 3 (Simpson 55 min.).

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: S. Dacervski.

Match rating: * * *

D. Smith 3, G. Smith 3, Nixon 3, Darvill 3 (Ivanovic 73 min.), Brady 3, Whalley 4, Turner 4, Duma 4, Doyle 3, Yaeger 3, Vojtek 3 (D. Smith 75 min.).

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: R. Foster.

Murray 4, Degney 3, Robertson 4 (Samuel 74 min.), Jones 3, Richards 4, Burns 4, Brajkovic 3, Byrne 3, Pocock 3, Millen 2 (A. Griffiths, second half 3), Campbell 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * *

Maher 4, Branson 4, Bennett 4, P. Smith 4, Wykes 4, R. Griffiths 3, Thompson 3, Trail 3, Bourke 2, Cacciola 3, O'Connor 2.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

Hesford 4, Tuckerman 4, Wilson 5, Gleeson 5, Thompson 4, Stonehouse 3, Fryer 3, McGroddy 4, Piggott 3, Tolson 3, Bingham 3.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: P. Wilson.

Match rating: * * * *

Tuinman 4, Izatt 3, Rudic 3, Barbouttis 4, Palmer 3, Stowell 3, Cullendon 4, Harding 3, Manuel 3, Ile 4, Brankin 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: J. Calogeras.

Williamson 3, Lawson 4, McMillan 4, Malone 4, Leak 4, Hucker 4, Quessted 3, Walker 3, Spinks 2 (Stewart 80 min.), Keddie 4, Sidey 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Marston.

Match rating: * * *

Forrester 4, G. Brown 2, Whitehead 3, H. Xipolitas 3, Guildea 4, Venables 3 (Angelopoulos 72 min.), Balafas 3, Keri 3, Piatta 3 (S. Jones 72 min.), P. Mullen 2, R. Brown 4.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: L. Hegges.

Coe 3, Bibby 3, Mowbray 4, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Mackay 4, Fletcher 5, Muniz 5, Morrow 3, Porter 4, Rutherford 4.

TOTAL: 43.

Coach: D. MacLaren.

Match rating: * * * *

Kennedy 4, McGinn 4, Jenkins 3, Wallace 4, Smart 4, Russell 3, Blues 3, Rooney 4, Ollerton 3, Rogers 3, Butler 4.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: T. Anderson.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

The match failed to live up to expectations as there were far too many dull, unproductive passages. The only excitement was provided by Saints' narrow misses. The ball just wouldn't go in for them. Vince Radcliffe twice in the last 15 minutes, came to Wests rescue by clearing the ball off his line. It was all St. George in the last 10 minutes, but their effort was sheer desperation and came too late to rob Wests of the two points which Mike Trebilcock's 65th minute goal brought them. Trebilcock was Wests' most dangerous forward, also hitting the crossbar with a thundering 20th minute drive. In a depressing, under-strength Saints, the only bright spot was provided by John Warren, whose non-stop display was reminiscent of the "Skipper" of old.

Crowd: 1,264.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LOU GAUTIER

A scrappy game which produced little pattern or purpose. The first half was evenly contested, both sides had near misses from breakaway attacks and the only goal came in the last minute from a corner-kick. In the second half Yugal eased up a bit and Croatia took control of the game without much success. The second goal for Yugal-Prague came from a penalty which knocked the stuffing out of Croatia and it was all Yugal until the final whistle. Croatia's consolation goal came from replacement Derek Smith late in the match and spurred the dispirited Croats to a last-ditch effort to equalise but the Yugal defence held firm and instead it was Joe Alagich who scored to give Yugal-Prague a well-deserved victory.

Crowd: 2,462.

Referee: F. Shiba.

— FRANK JORDAN

In a game which lacked method or technique on either side and produced a minimum of excitement, bottom of the table Sutherland deserved to share the spoils. Despite gaining the lion's share of the ball, particularly in the second half, Marconi are still way out of touch even with the addition of Ray Pocock in the centre-forward position. Their work in midfield with Stuart Robertson, Ray Richards and Eric Burns was quite effective, but every attack — and at times they were pretty frequent — broke down on the edge of the penalty area through hesitation and bad shooting. In midfield, Paul Smith had a tremendous game for Sutherland but his ventures up front were frustrated through lack of support and a Marconi defence which gave little away.

Crowd: 1,500.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Rale Rasic could not find a way past an iron-tight Safeway defence which withstood immense pressure from Hellenic. Rokko Ile and Bernie Cullen sprayed passes around with gay abandon, but United soaked up everything they could give and occasionally managed to mount counter-attacks which tested Tuinman. Gleeson marked Manuel out of the game, Wilson swept to perfection, while Hesford dealt with the high balls in excellent fashion. After a quiet opening United went ahead when a brilliant 40-metre freekick from Wilson was nudged home by McGroddy. Apart from the lone goal chances were few and far between. Most Hellenic raids were launched through the centre but when they tried to stretch the United defence, fullbacks Thompson and Tuckerman barred the way to goal.

Crowd: 6,149.

Referee: B. Wilkinson.

— PAUL POSETTI

Auburn was virtually predestined to win this one, but they certainly made hard work of it. Keddie twice, Quessted, Piatta and Keri all went close in a first half which saw Auburn in the attacker's role. Canterbury kept themselves in the game by switching Ross Brown from left wing to midfield, where his height won them a share of the ball. Relying on breakaways only, Canterbury contrived to look dangerous, and in fact they hit the posts four times in the match. They had little left after Dave Keddie despatched one into the corner. Jim Stewart, renowned for those long-range piledrivers from the defence, rocketed one in from just five metres immediately he took the field with 10 minutes to go. McMillan was a fine overlayer for Auburn, and Leak excelled down the centre.

Crowd: 650.

Referee: A. McKenzie.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Playing their best football of the season, Hakoah won more convincingly than the score indicates. APIA were on the receiving end for all but the last 15 minutes, when, after Rogers' goal, they stormed into attack for the elusive equaliser. Joe Fletcher and Agenor Muniz were an inspiration to their team-mates. Besides scoring one goal apiece, they were a constant threat whenever in possession and carved big chunks in the APIA defence. Hakoah's goals were world-class, both in conception and execution. APIA, while they deserved a consolation goal for trying to the end and never giving up, were a trifle lucky to finally get the ball into Hakoah's net as it was a gross blunder by goalkeeper Martin Coe which allowed Bill Rogers to score.

Crowd: 4,603.

Referee: T. Davies.

— LOU GAUTIER

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	8	—	—	29	4	16
Wests	4	1	1	13	12	11
APIA	5	1	1	12	4	11
Safeway	5	1	1	9	4	11
St. George	3	2	4	18	14	10
Croatia	3	2	7	17	8	9
Pan Hellenic	2	3	3	9	10	7
Marconi	3	1	5	11	15	7
Sutherland	2	1	4	8	13	5
Yugal-Prague	2	1	8	7	22	3
Canterbury	1	1	8	7	22	3
Auburn	—	1	7	1	12	1

FIRST DIVISION

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Safeway	6	1	—	16	6	12
Marconi	5	1	3	22	11	11
St. George	4	2	2	9	8	10
Hakoah	4	1	4	14	11	9
Croatia	3	2	4	16	10	8
Wests	3	2	4	12	11	8
APIA	2	2	2	15	9	6
Auburn	2	—	4	4	6	4
Yugal-Prague	2	1	5	4	22	4
Pan Hellenic	1	1	6	6	12	3
Canterbury	1	1	8	4	21	3

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	4	3	—	21	9	11
Melita Eagles	4	2	1	14	8	10
Manly	4	1	3	22	11	9
Balgownie	4	—	2	18	8	9
Guilford	2	3	2	15	7	7
Polonia	2	2	2	9	16	6
Corinthians	1	3	2	6	9	5
Rapid	1	3	2	6	9	5
Marrickville	1	2	3	11	12	4
Bankstown	2	—	4	9	14	4
Newtown	1	2	5	4	17	8
NS-Inter	—	1	5	4	14	1

SECOND DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	5	1	1	19	8	11
Melita Eagles	5	—	2	14	8	10
Granville	4	1	2	21	6	9
Bankstown	2	2	1	10	11	8
Balgownie	3	1	2	14	11	7
Rapid	3	1	2	15	17	7
Guilford	2	2	3	20	17	6
NS-Inter	2	—	3	12	20	6
Polonia	2	1	1	14	11	5
Corinthians	1	1	3	7	13	3
Marrickville	1	—	5	9	20	2
Newtown	—	—	6	4	18	0

SECOND DIVISION

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	7	—	2	21	2	14
Balgownie	4	1	—	24	6	9
Granville	4	1	2	21	6	9
Bankstown	4	1	2	18	8	7
Polonia	2	2	2	13	8	6
Guilford	1	2	3	5	7	4
Corinthians	2	—	3	4	7	4
Melita Eagles	1	2	3	12	14	4
Newtown	1	2	3	12	14	4
NS-Inter	1	1	3	5	12	3
Rapid	—	2	3	2	13	2
Marrickville	—	—	6	4	18	0

THIRD DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai	5	2	—	18	8	12
Arncliffe	4	3	—	22	8	11
Revesby	4	2	1	21	13	10
Warrigal	4	1	2	18	8	9
N. Districts	3	1	9	7	7	7
W. Sutherland	3	1	2	15	14	7
West Ryde	2	1	2	7	8	5
Campbelltown	2	1	2	7	8	5
Gladesville	1	2	4	13	19	4
Wentworth	—	2	3	8	15	2
Belmore	—	4	4	6	14	2
Unit. of NSW	—	1	5	4	20	1

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Queens Park	3	3	—	18	4	9
Riverstone	3	2	—	18	7	9
Greenwich	3	2	1	14	10	8
Toongabbie	3	1	—	10	1	7
Blacktown	3	1	1	15	9	7
Keppah	3	—	1	18	9	6
Bondi	1	3	2	9	9	5
Chelsea	2	1	3	12	13	5
Yagoona	2	2	3	7	24	4
Concordia	1	2	3	8	25	4
W. St. George	1	—	5	7	23	2
Arncliffe	—	1	5	5	23	1

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Revesby	5	—	—	25	6	10
Ararat	4	1	1	16	7	9
Eastwood	3	1	2	18	13	7
Lebridge	3	1	2	12	11	7
Padstow	2	2	1	15	9	6
Lane Cove	2	2	2	9	9	6
Holroyd	2	2	2	11	15	6
Macquarie Uni.	2	1	3	11	18	5
Sydney Uni.	1	2	2	7	8	4
Maroubra	2	—	4	14	18	4
N. Bankstown	2	—	2	3	12	2
South Sydney	1	—	5	8	30	2

THIRD DIVISION

Wednesday's international

BRISTOL ROVERS HAD A TRIUMPHANT SEASON

— By JIM COOK —

Bristol Rovers were the run-away leaders of the Third Division this season.

They went 27 games from the start of the season before they incurred a League defeat.

Rovers are managed by former Sheffield Wednesday centre-half, Don Megson, who at the beginning of last season set his team a target of promotion which they have almost faithfully followed.

Some of the Bristol stars: ● **Jim Eadie**: first choice 'keeper this season. Dunbartonshire-born, Jim was an emergency signing from Cardiff City when Dick

Sheppard suffered a serious back injury last Spring.

● **Dick Sheppard**: signed from West Bromwich Albion in 1969, he has struggled to take the 'keeper's shirt from Eadie this season. He has built up a reputation as a fine saver of penalty-kicks.

● **Lindsay Parsons**: a hard-tackling, local-born fullback. He is quick on the break and is always looking to link up with the attack.

● **Tom Stanton**: signed from Mansfield in 1968. A Scottish-born defender who has had spells at Liverpool and Arsenal.

● **Trevor Jacobs**: signed from local rivals, Bristol City last close season. An experienced fullback.

● **Frank Prince**: a Welsh international who shows a tough, uncompromising at-

titude to his game. Hard-tackling, he can play either in the defence or as a mid-field ball winner.

● **Stuart Taylor**: centre-half. Stuart stands 1m, 88 tall and is rated as one of the most promising stoppers in England.

● **Ken Stephens**: he can play either on the wing or in midfield. A skillful distributor of the ball who notches the occasional goal.

● **Gordon Fearnley**: joined Rovers from Sheffield Wednesday in the summer of 1970 and can play either as a central striker or as an old-fashioned right-winger.

● **Bryn Jones**: previously with Cardiff City, Jones is an inside-forward or wing-half. Manager Megson switched him to this deeper role soon after his arrival at Eastville in 1972.

● **Ian Warboys**: top scorer in the Third Division this season. He is a strong, forceful centre-forward who has had spells at Cardiff City and Sheffield United. He has built up a tremendous understanding with striking partner Bruce Bannister.

● **Bruce Bannister**: affectionately known as "Grab" in the "Smash and Grab" partnership with Warboys. Scorer of 25 goals last season, he has already knocked in 16 this term.

● **Colin Dobson**: joined up with his former Sheffield Wednesday team-mate, Megson, as coach after he had suffered a serious leg break. But this season he has bounced right back into first team action and has impressed with his accurate passing and dribbling on the left flank.



BRISTOL ROVERS

AT A GLANCE

● Year Formed: 1883. Turned Professional: 1897.

● Limited Company: 1896.

● Previous Names: 1883, Black Arabs; 1884, Eastville Rovers; 1897, Bristol Eastville Rovers; 1898, Bristol Rovers.

● Honors: Football League, Highest League Position: 6th, Division 2, 1955-56, 1958-59, Division 3(S), Champions: 1952-53. FA Cup, Best Season: 6th Rd., 1950-51 and 1957-58. Football League Cup, Best Season: 5th Rd., 1970-71, 1971-72.

● Record Victory: 7-0 v. Swansea Town, Division 2, Oct. 2, 1954; v. Brighton, Division 3(S), Nov. 29, 1952; and v. Shrewsbury Town, Division 3, Mar. 21, 1964.

● Record Defeat: 0-12 v. Luton T., Division 3(S), Apr. 13th, 1936.

● Most League Points: 64, Division 3(S), 1952-53.

● Most League Goals: 92, Division 3(S), 1952-53.

● Highest League Scorer in Season: Geoff Bradford, 33, Division 3(S), 1952-53.

● Ground: Bristol Stadium (capacity: 39,333).

● Record attendance: 38,472 v. Preston N.E. (1960).

● Most Capped Player: Matt O'Mahoney, 6, Eire, 1, Ireland.

● Most League Appearances: Harry Bamford, 487, 1946-58.

● Record Transfer Fee Paid: £22,000 to Bradford City for Bruce Bannister, Nov. 1971.

● Managers Since the War: Brough Fletcher, Bert Tann, Fred Ford, Don Megson.

LIKELY TEAMS

The likely teams for the Bristol Rovers v. NSW match tonight (Wednesday, May 15):

Bristol: 1 J. Eadie, 2 T. Jacobs, 3 L. Parsons, 4 M. Green, 5 S. Taylor, 6 F. Prince, 7 G. Fearnley, 8 P. Aitken, 9 A. Warboys, 10 B. Bannister, 11 C. Dobson.

NSW: 1 A. Maher (R. Fraser), 2 S. Perry (R. Minn), 3 I. Rudic, 4 J. Watkins, 5 H. Williams, 6 D. Harding (J. Russell), 7 J. McDonald, 8 E. Campbell, 9 J. Warren, 10 A. Alston, 11 T. Butler.

Referee: P. Rampley.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Last weekend's State League results: George Cross-Melbourne 2-1, Polonia-Mooroolbark 2-0, Slavia-Wilhelmina 2-0, Alexander-JUST 1-0, Juventus-Austria 1-0, Hakoah-SM Hellas 2-2.

Hakoah have kept tight-lipped over the disappearance from their line-up of Douglas Barbour, a classy winger who joined them two years after playing with Kilmarnock and Stranraer in Scottish League football. However, I have it on reliable authority that Barbour tabled a transfer request some time ago and a dispute between club and player arose. Now the player has given the game away, temporarily, I hope, and at present I am told he is playing Aussie Rules for his work team.

Kaz Kowalec, the former Polonia and Victorian winger who left Polonia as coach at the end of the 1972 season, is now with Slavia as an assistant to Johnny Sanchez, the former Slavia, Pan Hellenic and George Cross player.

Vera Mladenovic, the former OFK Belgrade forward who gave great service for many years to JUST and then had a short spell with Alexander before fading out of the soccer scene a couple of years ago, is back with the Footscray side as team manager. He has teamed up again with Cedo Kirkovic, who also played with JUST, then had a spell with Alexander and is now coach of the club.

MIKE'S HOPPING MAD

Mike De Bruyckere, the former Dutch and Australian international forward who took up the challenge recently to revive the fortunes of the ailing Polonia, isn't too happy that several critics have earmarked Polonia for relegation. De Bruyckere hopes to make the critics eat their words and although cash is not plentiful at Maribyrnong, it's on the cards that he will strengthen his line-up in the near future with a couple of signings. Pity he hadn't a few more on his books like 19-year-old striker Ron Horfinak, who, despite his rough edges, has the ability and the flair to become a success.

Sandy Kazi, a brother of the JUST defender Andrew Kazi, and who himself was a regular for the Footscray side in goal several years ago, recently made a come-back when he came on as a substitute for Jimmy Milisavljevic in the match against Wilhelmina.

Lou Iordanis, a forward whom Alexander secured from Northcote in 1972 and made a number of first team appearances last year for the club, recently moved to First Division Western Suburbs.

Former well-known referee Dave Mainland is now vice-president of Ford Falcons in the Industrial Leagues. Dave has worked for the Ford Company for upwards of 30 years in England and Australia.

— JIM COOK

SYDNEY THIRD DIVISION

Geoff Morgan and Billy Rodgers combined to set Alan Piggott up for a first-half goal that won the top of the table clash at Cahill Park last Saturday for Arncliffe Scots against Warringah.

Warringah's Bobby Jones caused havoc in the Arncliffe defence early in the piece when his dangerous

cross ran along the crossbar without going in.

Ku-ring-gai allowed Northern Districts to escape at Acron Oval, due to a defensive error that occurred when Pip Lincoln was replaced late in the match.

Ku-ring-gai's goal came from former Greenwich striker Graham Firrell, who nodded in from a freekick taken by team captain Archie Best.

HERO

Mick Maskall was Campbelltown City's hero when he struck in the only goal of the match against Belmore at Wedderburn Oval from a through ball well laid on by John Dobson.

Dave Wakeling picked up the 87th minute goal that won the match against University of New South Wales for West Ryde.

West Sutherland failed to shine in defence against Revesby Workers, who led 3-1 at half-time and coasted home to a 5-2 victory.

RESULTS

Arncliffe v. Warringah 1-0 3-0 1-2
C'belltown v. Belmore 1-0 2-2 1-8
Ku-ring-gai v. N. Dist. 1-1 2-1 2-1
Uni. NSW v. W. Ryde 0-1 3-2 2-2
Wentworth v. Gladstone 0-3 0-7 0-4
W. S'land v. Revesby 2-5 1-2 2-0

— KEITH GILMOUR

RIVERSTONE MAINTAIN UNBEATEN RECORD

Riverstone maintained their unbeaten record with a 3-2 win over super-fit Nepean United at Cook Park last Sunday.

Riverstone made their own task a difficult one by slipping in defence to allow Nepean an unnecessary early goal that simply trickled into the undefended net.

They led at 2-1, Nepean pulled up to 2-2 before the winner came. Riverstone's scorers were Billy Cole, Michael Milanovic and Tony Tucker.

The Greenwich-Bondi Marines match started with 15 minutes of skilful football, but it then degenerated into a long ball only game. Greenwich won 2-1.

Allan Ward drove a loose ball into the corner in the 17th minute. Greenwich drew equal when the Bondi 'keeper mishandled twice, and went ahead from a penalty kick ten minutes from the end.

In Second Division Sydney University was relieved in finally hitting the winning list, and after standing 1-1 with South Sydney at half-time they raced away to a final 4-1 score.

Paul Taylor (2), Geoff Goldstein and Steve Bowles were Varsity's scorers.

For Bowles it was a good introduction to the first team. Two weeks ago he was a third grader.

Macquarie University overcame a two-goal first-half deficit at the Soccer Centre, at least as far as gaining a 2-2 draw.

Mick Stevens, who had scored a penalty for Macquarie, put another penalty on the crossbar with three minutes remaining.

Their other scorer was Bobby Spear, who came good with a 10-metre lob.

Eastwood was lucky to pull equal with Lane Cove at 1-1 in the last kick of the match at Lower Eastwood Oval.

They had the best of the first session, but surrendered the second to their rivals.

For Lane Cove stopper Roger Wilson and outside-right Peter Dawson showed to advantage.

Last week's results:

FIRST DIVISION
Toongabbie v. Chelsea 2-0 4-3
Greenwich v. Bondi 2-1 1-7
Concordia v. Arncliffe 4-1 0-3
W. St. George v. B'wong 0-1 0-3
Nepean v. Riverstone 2-3 4-3
Queens Park v. Yagoona 1-0 1-2

SECOND DIVISION
Eastwood v. Lane Cove 1-1 2-5
Syd. Uni. v. St. George 4-1 6-1
Leithbridge v. Arraroon 2-2 2-2
Padstow v. Macqu. Uni. 2-2 6-2
Maroubra v. Holroyd 0-3 4-1
N. B'wong v. Revesby 1-3 1-1

THIRD DIVISION
Baulkham H. v. Caberava 1-0 2-2
Earlwood v. Fairfield 5-1 1-2
Dee Why v. North Ryde 1-0 2-1
Murrumbidgee v. Auburn 1-1 1-2
Blacktown v. Ryde 1-2 2-3
Canley Hls. v. Kingsford 0-2 1-2

JUNIOR RESULTS

UNDER-14, 15, 16
Nepean v. Gladstone 1-3, 6-10, 1-0; Granville v. Easts 8-0, 3-1, 1-0; Manly v. Wests 1-0, 2-1, 1-0; Kuring-gai v. Canterbury 4-0, 6-0, 8-0; Bankstown v. St. George 0-0, 2-1, 0-1; Sutherland v. St. Districts 1-1, 1-1, 3-1.

UNDER-18 to UNDER-19s
Canterbury v. St. George 0-6, 0-3, 0-4, 3-1, 2-3, 0-2; Sutherland v. Illawarra —, —, —, 4-2, 4-0, 5-2; Gladstone v. St. Districts 0-2, —, 1-0, 4-6, 3-2, 0-2; Wests v. Bankstown 0-4, 0-2, 0-5, 2-2, 0-7, 0-3; Kuring-gai v. Manly 0-2, 0-2, 3-1, 2-1, 2-2, 0-3; Nepean v. Granville 2-0, 2-1, —, 1-3, 1-1, 2-2.

N.S.W. FIRST DIVISION

TEAMS	AGGREGATE										HOME										AWAY									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	M			W	D	L	F	A	P					W	D	L	F	A	P				
Safeway	9	5	3	1	17	9	13	:5			4	1	—	10	4	9					1	2	1	7	5	4				
Wests	8	5	2	1	13	4	12	:4			2	1	1	6	3	5					3	1	—	7	1	7				
Hakoah	8	5	1	2	19	10	11	:5			2	1	1	11	5	5					3	—	1	8	5	6				
Pan Hellenic	8	5	1	2	19	10	11	:5			3	—	1	13	6	6					2	1	1	6	4	5				
St. George	9	4	1	4	17	12	9	:9			3	—	1	10	3	6					1	1	3	7	9	3				
Yugal-Prague	8	2	5	1	15	11	9	:7			2	1	1	8	4	5					—	4	—	7	7	4				
APIA	7	3	2	2	13	12	8	:6			2	2	—	9	7	6					1	—	2	4	5	2				
Auburn	9	3	1	5	12	15	7	:11			2	1	1	6	5	5					1	—	4	6	10	2				
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The Asian Football Confederation Executive's decision in Bangkok last week to admit Australia as a full member will result in Iran inviting the ASF to send the national team to Tehran in September to take part in the Asian Games. The ASF, however, will decline, but it's on the cards that Australia as from next year will participate in all major Asian competitions.

● West Germany and Yugoslavia were declared joint winners of the European amateur championship when their scheduled final at Rijeka was washed out. Spain beat Holland in the play-off for third place.

● Johan Cruyff is adamant he will never become a coach or a manager when he retires: "I am too nervous and would worry myself to death. When I retire, I will drop out of football altogether," the Barcelona star told a television audience in Madrid.

● The English FA has ruled that Newcastle United must play all their Cup matches away from home next season. This is a sequel to the invasion of the James Park pitch on March 9 in the quarter-final FA Cup tie against Nottingham.

● The Atletico Madrid players collected a bonus of \$4,000 each for reaching their first European Cup final. They are on twice that amount to win the final against Bayern Munchen this week.

● Franz Beckenbauer, against Sweden (2-0) two weeks ago, played his 78th international. Only 28, he is confident he will top the 100-mark before retiring.

● Atletico Madrid's Argentinian coach, Juan Carlos Lorenzo, will return home after the European Cup final, irrespective of the result. He will rejoin his former Buenos Aires club, San Lorenzo.

● Coach Alfredo Di Stefano has won a vote of confidence from his club, Valencia, despite their poor championship results this season. Last week he signed a new two-year contract.

● Benfica's coach next season will be the Yugoslav, Michael Pavic, now with Bilbao in neighboring Spain.

● Finn Harp beat St. Patrick 3-1 in the final of the Irish Cup.

● Indonesia will be the Asian representative in the World University Championships, to be held in France next year.

● FC Zurich have won the Swiss championship. Xamax Neuchatel, the team the Socceros will play on June 8, came second and St. Gallen, the Aussies' opponents on June 4, finished eighth.

● Rumania will meet Greece in Bucharest on May 29.

● Levski Spartak are the champions of Bulgaria. Arch-rivals CSKA Sofia came second. Beroe and GSK Spartak will be relegated.

● Since the overthrow of the Caetano Government, soccer crowds have plummeted in Portugal. The Benfica president explains: "People are too busy demonstrating their new-found freedom after 50 years of dictatorship by parading in the streets and attending political rallies to have any time left for sport."

● Ajax have well and truly crashed in Holland. They can't finish any higher than third. The 1973-74 title was won by Feyenoord.

● Barcelona two weeks ago lost their first match since Johan Cruyff joined them in November. Barcelona, who clinched the Spanish league title several weeks ago, were beaten by European Cup finalists Atletico 2-0 in Madrid.

● FC Magdeburg, of East Germany, snatched a 2-0 victory over reigning champion AC Milan, of Italy, in the Cup Winners' Cup European final to become the second East European club to win a European soccer title. Only a 5,000 crowd was in the vast Feyenoord (Rotterdam) Stadium to see the Germans capture the crown through an own goal by Milan defender Enrico Lanzani and a 73rd minute close-range effort from winger Wolfgang Seguin. Milan's star trio of Romeo Benetti, Alberto Bigon and Gianni Rivera often became entangled in their own web of intricate passing.

● PSV Eindhoven have won the Dutch Cup. They thrashed NAC Breda 6-0 in the final in front of 45,000 spectators in Rotterdam.

● The Hungarian Cup final was won by Ferencvaros, who defeated Komlo 3-1 in Budapest.

● Belgium beat Switzerland 1-0 in a friendly international in Geneva, and in Kiel, West Germany beat Sweden 3-2 in a "B" international.

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● Dettmar Cramer is not surprised Australia beat Uruguay. "I told you so," he told reporters when the news broke in Germany. "The Australians only confirmed what I already knew: they are stronger than Israel and may do as well in this year's finals. West Germany must not be complacent."

● The Brazilian Sports Confederation has presented famous physiotherapist Mario Americo with a solid gold plaque and a \$10,000 cheque to mark his 20 years of uninterrupted service to the national team. Americo, a well-known bald-headed figure around the world, joined the Brazilian team on the eve of the 1954 World Cup in Switzerland.

● Argentina, now in Europe, will play France in Paris on May 18; England at Wembley on the 22nd; Holland on May 26; Fiorentina in Florence on the 29th and Munchen 1860 in Munich on June 3. Five foreign-based stars have been released by their clubs for World Cup duty: Carnevali (Las Palmas), Bargas (Nantes), Heredia (Valencia), Ayala (Atletico Madrid) and Yazalde (Sporting Lisbon).

● Holland's World Cup hopes suffered a blow with the serious cartilage injury to star defender Hulshoff. Twice injured recently, he needs an operation. Manager Rinus Michels seems almost certain to leave him at home.

● Could it be Australia's win against Uruguay? Latest news from the organisers is that 49,000 tickets have now been sold for Australia's match against Chile in the Berlin Olympic Stadium on

June 22. Three weeks ago less than 20,000 tickets had been snapped up. Haiti's matches in Munich — against Italy, Poland and Argentina — are selling the worst. More than half the tickets for all three games are still unsold.

● Christo Bonev, Bulgaria's best-known player, is optimistic about his team's chances. "Bulgaria will qualify for the second round," he says. "Only Holland can take a point from us. We are not afraid of Sweden, a dull, unimaginative team, and Uruguay, who lack spirit and are suspect temperamentally when they play outside Latin America."

● Brazil conceded another scoreless draw — this time against Austria at Sao Paulo's Morumbi Stadium. Brazil's team was: Leao — Ze Maria (Nelinho), Marinho, Piazza, Cesar — Carbone, Paulo Cesar, Rivelino — Jairzinho, Leivinho, Edu. ● Chile's pre-World Cup warm-up tour of Central and North America continues to provide mediocre results. Their last effort was a 4-4 draw with Colombian club Atletico Nacional at Medellin.

● Uruguay were not too impressive in beating a weak Republic of Ireland 2-0 at Montevideo last Sunday — eight days after their defeat against Australia.

● English tote punters can also bet on the World Cup. The tote odds are: West Germany 5-2; Brazil 9-2; Italy 5-1; Holland 10-1; Uruguay 14-1; Argentina, Scotland, East Germany 16-1; Poland, Yugoslavia 20-1; Bulgaria, Chile, Sweden 50-1; Zaire 250-1; Australia, Haiti 500-1.

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BETTEGA'S MIRACLE CURE BIG BOOST FOR ITALY

— From MARIO BARDELLI in Milan —

MILAN. — A triumph in human achievements — this is how Italian newspapers refer to Juventus star Bettega's feat.

Not long ago he was struck down by TB and his sporting future appeared to be over.

However, Bettega has completely recovered, re-joining his team — and in recent weeks played such "blinders" that manager Ferruccio Valcareggi is certain to add him to the Italian World Cup squad.

On the other hand, recurring injuries of star striker Riva and the indifferent form of Mazzola

cause some anguish for Valcareggi.

Riva's power and reflexes are absolutely essential if the Italians are to fare well in the series, as most of us expect.

The veteran fullback Facchetti, also certain to be in the team, is equally optimistic.

"It's nonsense to say that the Italians play defensively," he said the other day.

"Sure, we have a very good defence and they let nobody through. But we also rely on an imaginative midfield and brilliant, enterprising attack.

"We will attack at least as much as any of our opponents."

Asked if he expected a re-enactment of the 1970 Brazil v. Italy final, Facchetti shook his head.

"The Brazilians have declined since," he said "and I don't expect them to reach the final.



The Yugoslav national team as it lined-up against Greece in Athens in December last year: Pavlovic, Acimovic, Petkovic, Jerkovic, Karasi, Hadziabdic, Katalinski, Buljan, Bajevic, Maric, Dzajic (from left).

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"This year a European team will win the Cup — and I hope it will be Italy, for the first time since 1938."

East German squad

BUSCHNER'S 40 PLAYERS

— By Rudi Kohlmeier —

LEIPZIG — All the stars are included in the World Cup squad of 40 selected last week by East German manager Georg Buschner.

This also goes for the long injured and out-of-form Hans-Jürgen Kreische and Peter Dücke.

Jena and Dresden have provided eight players each while the newly crowned European Cup winners' Cup champions Magdeburg have seven in the squad.

This is the East German squad from which the final 22 will emerge:

Goalkeepers: Croy (Zwickau), Blochwitz (Jena), Friese (Lokomotive Leipzig), Jakubowski (Rostock), Boden (Dresden), Kahnt (Frankfurt am Oder).



Defenders: Bransch, Kurbjuweit, Weise (all Jena), Waetzlich, Ganzera (both Dresden), Fritsche, Sekora (both Lokomotive Leipzig), Krautzig, Hamann (both Frankfurt/Oder), Zapf, Decker (both Magdeburg), Kische (Rostock), Krebs (Erfurt).

Midfielders: Tyll, Pomenke, Seguin (all Magdeburg), Kreische, Dörner, Hafner (all Dresden), Lauck (Dynamo Berlin), Schnuphase (Erfurt), Irmischer, Schlutter (both Jena), Frenzel (Lokomotive Leipzig).

Strikers: Schellenberg (Karl-Marx-Stadt), Dücke, Vogel (both Jena), Sparwasser, Hoffman (both Magdeburg), Lowe, Matoul (both Lokomotive Leipzig), Riedel, Kotte (both Dresden), Streich (Rostock).

BRISTOL ROVERS' QUEENSLAND WIN

● In Brisbane last week Rovers beat Queensland 2-1. Wim Spiekerman scored for the locals in the 68th minute. Bristol's late goals fell to Bannister and Stanforth.

NO SHOCKS IN SCHOEN'S SQUAD

— From HANS SCHMIDT in Frankfurt —

Frankfurt — Manager Helmut Schoen has announced his squad of 40 for the World Cup which contains no surprises.

No less than eight Bayern Munich players are in the 40, the last two to be invited being midfielders Hans-Josef Kapellmann and Franz Roth.

The squad:

Goalies: Franke, Kleff, Maier, Nigbur, Scholz.

Defenders: Beckenbauer, Bonhof, Breitner, Hein, Hiden, Hotteges, H. Kremers, Schwarzenbeck, Stielike, Vogts, Weber and Zimmermann.

Midfielders: Cullmann, Flohe, Hoeneß, Holzenbeine, Kapellmann, Koppel, Korbel, Netzer, Overath, Pirrung, Roth, Seel, Wimmer.

Strikers: Geyer, Grabowski, Held, Herzog, Heynckes, E. Kremers, Müller, Seliger, Volkert and Wunder.

Of these Beckenbauer, Hotteges, Weber and Held were in the German team in the 1966 World Cup finals.

Frankfurt will be the communications centre during the World Cup.

The organisers have perfected the TV arrangements through which millions all over the world will be able to see the games "live."

Six cables will carry the pictures and 190 other cables the sound from the various stadiums to the Frankfurt centre for redistribution.

In each stadium six color cameras will be filming the games. One further camera will shoot only in slow motion.

All throughout Germany every match will be shown as it takes place.

The following morning all games will be replayed for those viewers who, for some reason, missed one or another of the games.

RASIC SHARES THE LIMELIGHT

Rale Rasic was one of eight national figures who shared the stage of the Opera House with Prime Minister Gough Whitlam at Monday's monster political rally which drew the biggest crowd of the election campaign.

Speaking for three minutes, the Aussie coach praised the Government's enlightened approach to sport.

Rale's fellow speakers were famous Australians like the Nobel Prize-winning author Patrick White, economist Manning Clarke, poetess Judith Wright, Olympic gold medal swimmer Mike Wenden, world surfboard champion Nat Young, Rugby League star Dennis Pittard and playwright Williamson.

The ego of any soccer fan would have been flattered: Rasic was greeted by a thunderous roar by the 3,000 people inside the Concert Hall and the 8,000 listening to loudspeakers outside.

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Joe Fletcher (in the lighter strip), the star of Hakoah's win against APIA last Sunday, in action in the Leichardt goalmouth.

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

BALGOWNIE AND MANLY TOP THE BILL THIS WEEK

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Granville bounced back as clear leaders with a convincing victory over neighboring Guildford as Melita struggled to force a draw against Rapid Riverside.

Balgownie and Manly, the other two teams in the "top four," also won well their respective matches as the big guns of the competition bunch up in the top rungs of the table.

Our match reports:

Manly v.

Marrickville 2-1

Manly were in command for most of the first half and deserved to lead 1-0 at the break with a superb goal by Ken Mallam, who dribbled past three defenders before slamming a well-placed shot into the net. However, what Marrickville lacked in skill, they made up through determination and 10 minutes into the second half equalised through a penalty by Billy Henshaw.

But they were back in deficit 10 minutes later when a well-executed corner by Archie Blue was brilliantly headed into the net by fullback Steve Dunwell.

Manly: Woods, Myron, Dunwell (1), Stocks, Hutchinson, Johnstone, Mallam (1), Stonehouse, Blue, Gosling, Crawford (Jackson).

Marrickville: McDonald, Hardy, Brett, Pondekas, Reilly, Henlon, Mackin, McCulloch, McGill, Henshaw (1), Gould.

Rapid v.

Melita Eagles 1-1

An over-confident Melita Eagles nearly fell in a trap as Rapid Riverside took over control of the game in the first half to outplay them in every department. Alan Hillhouse, the former St. George player, cracked a goal in the 34th minute to give Rapid a 1-0 lead at halftime.

The Eagles lifted their game after the break but their eagerness to score was foiled time and again by a well marshalled Rapid defence. However, in the 68th minute, Joe Farrugia broke his shackles to ham-

mer home a brilliant equaliser.

Rapid: Iro, Threlfo, Okon, Williams, Schmidt, Viber (Prophet), Jenkins, Eipeldauer, Bijkerk, Hillhouse (1), Jones.

Melita: McKechnie, Knaus, Cook, Van Blerk, Balenzuela, D. McAusland, Huntley (Borg), McKinnon, Farrugia (1), C. McAusland, Vrolyks.

Bankstown v.

Corinthians 3-1

A tough second half yielded all four goals.

The "Townies" held an edge on their opponents for most of the game with Corinthians struggling to produce the form they showed early in the season.

Bankstown: Freeman, Hughes, Fitzgerald, Madden, Penman, Farrell (1), Sheldrick, Reynolds (Sanson), Bourke, Paterson (2), Hoare (Bamforth).

Corinthians: Richardson, McCulloch, Draddy, Jagger, Harman, Hendry, Denham, Codling (Corral), Evans (Matthews), Mack (1), Pappas.

Guildford v.

Granville 3-6

A hat-trick by former Dartford United centre-forward Stan Marshall enabled Granville to beat Guildford in a tremendously exciting game at Guildford Park.

Fit as a fiddle, Marshall took his chances well, but the hero of the match was the brilliant ball-playing Billy Fraser, who played wide on the flank, constantly feeding brilliant passes down the middle which produced several goals.

With Granville leading 3-1 at halftime, the "never-say-die" Wanderers came back with a bang in the second half to score two goals within seven minutes to equal the score.

However, a rather harsh penalty, which gave Granville the lead again seemed

to have upset Guildford.

Yet, penalty or not, the Wanderers lost to the better team as on the day the Magpies left no doubt that they can produce some exciting football which brings goals and wins them matches.

Granville: Watson, Selfridge, Omaye, Gardiner, Melish, Waters (1), Spilariewicz (1), Gilmour (1), Hann, Marshall (3), Fraser.

Guildford: Wilson, Parle, Lowe, Brewin, Schofield, Dobbin, Haydec, Coleman (Fraser), Robinson (1), Stephenson (2), Williams (Keiley).

NS-Inter v.

Balgownie 0-4

Making their debut for Balgownie were Gus Eady, a leading scorer in the Hong Kong competition who was in their rep. team against Uruguay recently, and Steve Langford, an Englishman, both of whom arrived here last week.

Inter held out in a rough and scrappy first half despite an unfortunate incident in which goalkeeper Fred Wupper had three fingers broken in his left hand, early in the first half.

Wupper finished the game, but by that time Balgownie went through four times as they took command of the game to finish right on top at the end.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Impelzerri, Maxwell, Foster, Ribera, Mulberry, Spresian, Thompson, Monteleone, Massi, Sommers.

Balgownie: Edwards, Davies, Picc, Langford, Hurley (1), Shanks (1), Lavin, Cannon, Royall (Ronald 1), Eady (1), Freeme.

Newtown v.

Polonia 2-2

Leading 2-0 with only ten minutes to go, Newtown lapsed into errors, allowing Polonia to hit back with two quick goals to snatch a draw.

John Moutaris scored in the first half with a header off a corner by John Demos. In full control of the game, Newtown went further ahead when Eddie Howard rounded off three defenders before crossing the ball to Peter Clarke who made no mistake.

However, they relaxed in the closing minutes, allowing Polonia to come back into the game with a penalty from Bill Zounis and a grab-goal by Polewski with only three minutes to spare.

Newtown: Maglis, Koukis, Trimentzouris, Ariola, Kehagias, Nezerites, Page (Bellis), Moutaris (1) (Melita), Clarke (1), Howard, Demos.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Round, Zounis (1), Urbas, Blaszyak (Wills), Grzelak King, Harrison (Polewski 1), Mula, Minol, Prokurat.

THIS WEEK

The clash between Balgownie and Manly tops the bill at the weekend as this could well develop in one of the closest matches of the season.

Manly have a good record at Balgownie Oval, but the Magpies have stacked their team with plenty of talent and should win.

Other interesting matches are the clashes between Melita and Newtown at Mona Park and Granville v. Rapid at Garside, with the home teams starting favorites.

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